

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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The Central Directorate of the Maritime Register (Tsentralkoye Upravleniye Morskogo Registra) was a department of the Ministry of the Merchant Fleet (MMF) which prescribed and published MMF maritime regulations. CDMR's responsibilities concerning the materiel maintenance of MMF vessels are given in the following points:

- a. Permanent supervision of the material condition of vessels' hulls, main propulsion machinery, boilers, and auxiliary machines.
- b. Periodic inspections of vessels' hulls and machinery. These inspections were performed by special Maritime Register commissions semi-annually and after every vessel repair. Inspection data were entered in the journals of the repaired ship.
- c. Special inspections, performed at least once a year and after every vessel repair. This inspection was of anchors, anchor chains, steam boilers, condensed-air containers, and freight loading and unloading equipment.
- d. Provision of vessels with the following Maritime Register documents:
  - (1) Vessel's Sailing Certificate (valid for one year only);

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- (2) Boiler Journal;
- (3) Compressed Air Containers Journal;
- (4) Loading and Unloading Equipment Journal;
- (5) Anchor and Anchor Chains Journal;
- (6) Electrical Equipment Journal;
- (7) Radio Equipment Journal.

It was the responsibility of the Maritime Register to see that all these documents were properly maintained.

- e. Participation in commissions appointed to investigate accidents and wrecks, especially when accidents had resulted in damage to a vessel's hull or machinery.
- f. Participation in commissions inspecting the material condition of vessels and the degree of maintenance accorded ships by their crews.
- g. Supervision over the preparation of maintenance requests prepared by ship captains. It was the responsibility of Maritime Register authorities to see that all vessel malfunctions were mentioned in these requests.
- h. Final decisions as to whether a ship was qualified to transport certain cargoes; e.g., crude oil, ethyl gasoline, explosives, etc.
- i. Restrictions on the radius and length of service of vessels as determined by their material condition.
- j. Periodical examination of crews' familiarization and compliance with the regulations in the manual Technical Exploitation of Merchant Fleet Vessels. Personnel unfamiliar with these regulations or who violated them were released from duty.
- k. Supervision and periodic inspection of MMF shore loading and unloading equipment and compressed air containers.
- l. Supervision over the technical condition of all new MMF construction, except administrative and apartment buildings.
- m. Supervision over the material condition of vessels leased to non-MMF organizations.
- n. Opinions on inventions and suggestions for vessels' operating efficiency.
- o. Final decisions on the transfer of vessels from one registered class to another.

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